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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

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For: Wire Rope Socket

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Examiner: Michael P. Ferguson

### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 29, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2005, Applicant submits this response and respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

### Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant petitions for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including December 29, 2005. A check in the amount of \$450.00 for a two-month extension of time is included. Applicant hereby authorizes and instructs the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account No. 02-0383 (matter 064552.0237) of Baker Botts

L.L.P. for any additional charges necessary for the filing of this response.

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